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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT

Underground Water Storage Permit Application Guidance

This substantive policy statement is advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that this substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under Arizona Revised Statutes § 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

I. BACKGROUND

The Arizona Department of Water Resources ("Department") administers the Underground Water Storage, Savings and Replenishment Program ("UWS Program") in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 45-801.01 *et seq.* Among the permits issued under the UWS Program is the Underground Storage Facility ("USF") Permit.

Although the requirements of obtaining a USF Permit are specified by A.R.S. § 45-811.01(C), the Director has determined that the Department should provide additional written guidance to the public on the criteria specified in the statute. To provide this guidance, the Department prepared two papers that were adopted in December 2002 and has now prepared three application guides. The first application guide deals with the requirements for applying for a new, or modifying or renewing an existing, USF permit. The second application guide deals with the requirements for applying for a new Water Storage permit. The third application guide deals with the requirements for conveying to another entity an existing USF permit, Water Storage permit, or Groundwater Savings Facility permit.

This written guidance is not intended to change any of the requirements of the statutes or to impose any additional requirements. Instead, the written guidance is intended to assist applicants and interested members of the public by informing them of the information the Department considers adequate to meet the requirements of the statutes.

II. THIS SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT SUPERSEDES POLICY R3

This substantive policy statement supersedes and replaces Policy R3 of the Department, the Application Packet for Underground Water Storage, Savings, and Replenishment Projects (7/18/94). Policy R3 is hereby revoked.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This substantive policy statement shall become effective immediately. The Director may modify or revoke this policy at any time.

Date this 24TH day of JUNE, 2004.



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